

THE CHARLEROI MAIL

VOL. XVII. NO. 172.

CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON CO., MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1917.

ONE CENT

GUN BATTLE MAY END IN THE DEATH OF ONE NOW IN HOSPITAL

Thomas Donaldson Followed From Church by Another For Revolver Duel

HIS ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

Gives Himself up and is Removed to Jail at Washington—Trouble Believed to Have Been Over Rivalry For Girl's Hand.

Following a quarrel over a small sum of money or a girl—it is not certain which—Thomas Donaldson and Henry Langford, fought a revolver duel shortly after noon Sunday in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Burgettstown. Donaldson was shot in the left lung, the abdomen and the left arm, and was wounded so badly that he is in a serious condition. He was rushed to the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh.

Langford was wounded slightly in one hand. Following the shooting he walked into town and was arrested by Officers Gordon and Neil. He was placed in the borough lockup and was taken to the county jail at Washington today to await the outcome of Donaldson's injuries.

Thetwo men got into a dispute on the streets just before the church services were concluded. Langford finally broke away and Donaldson trailed him, with the express purpose, it is said, of shooting him on sight. Langford went to the colored Baptist church and Donaldson took a seat immediately behind him. Langford left before the service was concluded and Donaldson followed him.

He did not overtake him, however, until Langford had reached the railroad yards, and then he opened fire with a revolver. Langford returned the fire hotly and with much better aim. Donaldson fell, probably mortally wounded.

The churches dismissed just about this time and the shooting attracted crowds. A number of men carried Donaldson into the home of Miss Mary Bingham nearby, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. A. L. Hindman. Dr. Hindman stated that Donaldson had some chance for recovery, if infection did not set in. The wounded man was later sent to Pittsburgh.

JUNIOR C. E. SOCIETY ELECTS FOR THE YEAR

The following officers were elected by the Junior society of the Christian Endeavor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church at a recent meeting: President, Edwin McKay; vice president, Robert Smith; secretary, Eleanor Bake; treasurer, Leslie Henderson; pianist, Lois Culler.

Notice

"Serv-U's" Pure Food Products can be secured from the following merchants:

Woodward & Parks, Lock No. 4.
H. H. Duvall
P. Pardini.
Paul Ternavsky.
Leon Depassi.
J. Leroy.
Eugene Sance.
E. Demarco.
F. Wanthier.

Watch this list grow. 130-tf—

DATE CHANGES FOR P. H. C.

HONOR FLAG PRESENTATION

February 23 to be Time of Public Meeting—Big Class Will be Feature of Affair

Owing to some conflicting dates and in order to better perfect the entire arrangement the presentation of the silk flag won by Charleroi Circles 303, P. H. C., in a recent membership contest, the circle at its Friday meeting decided to hold the public meeting February 23. In the meantime the members will make an effort to secure 25 additional members and a class initiation will be held in connection with the public meeting. M. M. Henline, the local deputy, was present at the meeting Friday and injected considerable ginger into the proposition by making some liberal offers should a class of 25 be secured. In the class a ladies' banner degree team is being organized to put on and perfect the initiation work. Noted speakers of the order will be present. A program is being arranged. The various committees that were appointed by the president, Mrs. Bertie Blanchard are all enthusiastic in making the affair a success. The committee on program will meet at the home of Mrs. Samuel T. Franks this evening.

RUSH WORK ON NEW APPLIANCES

Installation of Coal Dust And Oil Systems at Donora Plants Hastened

GAS SHORTAGE LOSS HEAVY

The installation of oil burners and coal dust machines at the Donora Steel Works according to the Donora American, is being rushed to completion to prevent the great loss of steel production incident to the gas shortage. This winter, thus far, it is estimated that there has been a loss in output of 10,000 tons of steel owing to the inability of the gas companies to furnish a sufficient supply for operation of the open hearth furnaces. The blast furnaces are operated by coke and the gas they themselves generate and are not affected by the gas shortage, although their operation has been hampered some by the shortage of coke.

This week the gas supply has been somewhat improved and the loss has been reduced. Two weeks ago the installation of oil burners was begun and it was stated that several of them would likely be ready for operation yet this week. Five oil burners are to be installed and the other eight open hearths will be run by the coal dust machines. All 13 were still on gas at the opening of the week. It will be several weeks yet before the coal dust machines will be ready. The construction of the coal dust machines was begun last November. The equipment includes a machine for pulverizing the coal and it is

MOTHER OF MILLER GIRL BELIEVES YOUNG WOMAN CHOSE DEATH TO DISHONOR—RELATES HER STORY

Fayette County Mystery Still Unsolved But Parent Has Something to Say—Believes Girl Was Placed Along Roadside By Fiends

Between death with honor and life with dishonor and possible disgrace, pretty fifteen year old Alice Miller, scarcely old enough to distinguish between right and wrong, chose death, and, in defending her honor, with the fiend in human form along the Merrittstown road on Christmas Eve, received injuries which resulted in her death a week later, in the opinion of the girl's mother, Mrs. Irene Downs.

Sitting at the dining room table of the humble home in one of the company houses of the Thompson company, twisting a newspaper into shreds as she recalled intimate bits of actions and words of the last conscious hours of her daughter's life, Mrs. Downs avowed her faith in her girl and expressed the most ardent desire that the authorities would succeed in unraveling the tangled mystery in which her oldest child was the central figure, and whose brain clouded by the shock of that terrible hour, was unable to name her murderer before the death angel called her.

Republic knew Alice Anna Miller as a good girl. In the little coke town she bore an untarnished name. Sentiment in the town is at a high pitch against the girl's slayer and every effort as being made by the authorities to aid the county officials in clearing up the mystery which has engulfed the case since Rev. R. J. Shields found her unconscious body lying face downward along the roadside on Christmas Eve. County Deputy Sheriff J. Smith was in Republic Friday afternoon continuing his investigations and took the girl's stained clothing from her home and all other belongings of the fiends victim which may be of use in establishing the identity of the murderer.

"I am positive Alice had no other intentions than to go to the street car station and catch a car for Uniontown," declared Mrs. Miller when asked if her daughter might not have intended to meet an acquaintance. "She even seemed afraid to go by herself and asked George (Mrs. Downs' husband) and myself to go with her."

That Miss Miller had a premonition of her death was another belief expressed by Mrs. Downs in telling of her leaving home that night. She continued:

"I was not feeling well and George couldn't go, so to satisfy her, we had a taxicab called. She seemed willing to go then and left wishing us all a Merry Christmas and telling us what a fine time she had planned."

Mrs. Miller said that her daughter, while not under too much restraint, was never allowed out at night unaccompanied, and to her knowledge had not formed any intimate acquaintances. For the last three weeks she had been employed at the home of Harry Moore, in Uniontown, who is a personal friend of the family.

In the short space of 15 minutes, Alice Miller, on that memorable night, accepted chocolate candy from some one, was fatally injured and defended her honor and was placed along the roadside, according to a statement made by her mother. When the girl was removed to the Downs home, Dr. C. C. Gans administered an emetic which resulted in indications that she had eaten chocolate candy a short time previous. Mrs. Downs is positive that she did not eat any chocolate candy before leaving home and is of the opinion that the sweets were given with the idea of tempting her daughter.

HAYDN RECITAL QUINTET TO APPEAR IN CONCERT

Musical Organization to Give Entertainment Course Number at School Auditorium Tomorrow

The first regular number of the year in the Charleroi Citizens' Entertainment course will be presented to the public tomorrow night at the high school auditorium, when the Haydn Recital Quintet will appear. The members of the quintet are Miss Janie McDaniel, soprano and reader, Miss Virginia Miller, contralto, Russell Mitchell, basso and manager, Will Roberts tenor and Miss Mildred Hoch pianist. Their program is arranged to appeal to the average concert goer, with plenty of variety and spice. The quintet comes recommended as an organization of able musicians who have been before the public for the last few years. Hollis Edison Davenney was the organizer of the quintet, which he coached.

then blown into the furnaces by the aid of compressed air and the fine powder-like particles burn similar to gas. In the case of the oil burners the oil is fed into the furnaces with steam to atomize it and it, too, burns much as does gas. About 60,000 gallons of oil have been stored on the property of the steel works in readiness for completion of the burners.

DAYLIGHT MINING TO BE TRIED AT HANLIN STATION

Aronson Brothers of Pittsburgh Acquire Tract—13 Farms Included in Late Transfer

The purchase of 13 farms in the Hanlin section in order to allow daylight coal mining has been completed, Aronson brothers of Pittsburgh being the purchasers. The intention is to strip the surface from the vein by the use of steam shovels, since it is believed that method will be entirely feasible and much more profitable than the usual shaft or slope entries to the coal beds. The price for the land ranged from \$50 to \$75 an acre. The purpose is to begin operations at once. The outlet for the coal will be by a spur to the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad on the Shaw farm below what is known as No. 32 bridge.

The 13 farms included in the tract are the McCalmont, Louthers, McMurray and Robeson farms and those of A. C. Fulton, the Alex Hanlin heirs H. W. Hanlin, S. D. Hanlin, J. H. Fulton, Boyce Cleland and Martin Shaw.

Learn to Telegraph.

Lessons in telegraphy by experienced operator. Mrs. Anna Dickinson will again give lessons in telegraphy. Hours from 2 to 5 and from 6 to 9 p. m. Inquire 1111 Oakland avenue. 171-t2p

ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF RIVER FRONT COAL NEAR DENBO SOLD

GLASS PAPER TELLS HOW FORMER CHARLEROI MAN IS MAKING GOOD

Alexander Matthews One of Salesmen for Plate Glass Company in Buffalo Territory

In the National Glass Budget, published in Pittsburgh, is published the following in the current issue.

Alexander Matthews, who for seven years past has been identified with the selling force of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Buffalo, N. Y., spent a couple of weeks in the Pittsburgh district recently, returning to Buffalo last Saturday. Mr. Matthews is a son-in-law of William James, manager of the factory of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Co., at Charleroi, Pa., and quite considerable of his time while there was spent at Charleroi. He has been in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate for 20 years, originally at Charleroi, thereafter at the general offices in Pittsburgh and latterly at Buffalo. He is an enthusiastic booster of everything American and bears the distinction of having been awarded a government medal for distinctive service on the battleship Kearsarge, on which he made a three weeks' cruise recently in conformity with the rules of a "preparedness" organization to which he belongs.

DR. KIRBY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Prominent Ellsworth Physician in a Serious Condition From Injuries

ACCIDENT AT HARRISBURG

According to news received today from Harrisburg, Dr. H. J. Kirby of Ellsworth is in a critical condition in a Harrisburg hospital as the result of an automobile accident. The automobile it is said turned over on him and he was caught by the steering gear. Few of the details have been learned. The automobile in which the accident occurred is said to have belonged to Dr. Kirby's brother.

Dr. Kirby is well known in Charleroi, where he is a member of Charleroi lodge, No. 494, B. P. O. Elks.

REVIVAL MEETINGS BEGUN AT WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH

A series of revival meetings was begun at the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday by Rev. John R. Burson pastor. In the morning he was greeted by a large congregation and in the evening by a packed house. Two timely sermons were preached. The morning subject was "At Ease in Zion" and the evening subject "The Changeless and the Changing."

Try our Oak Grove Butterine. Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue. 170-t3

C. W. Braznell of Pittsburgh is Purchaser—Test Wells Are Being Drilled

WILL DEVELOP LAND AT ONCE

Location to be Known as Maple Glenn—Mine Will be Equipped Modernly to Accommodate 200 Men—Surface Purchased

One hundred acres of coal land along the river front, about two miles south of Denbo, have been purchased outright by C. W. Braznell, of Pittsburgh, from the Crawford heirs for a figure said to be \$1,350 per acre and test holes are being drilled into adjoining tracts which will be purchased, it is announced, at the same figure, if the quality of the coal lives up to the specifications. The test holes are being drilled into the tracts of R. W. Thompson, 50 acres; H. O. Nelan, ten acres, and William McElldowney, between 25 and 40 acres. It is understood that an agent for Mr. Braznell will visit the owners on next Tuesday and close the deal for the three other tracts after examination of the holes. The entire transfer amounted to \$135,000.

Plans are being drawn for the immediate development of the tract, which will be known as the Maple Glenn Coal works. Both a slope and a tippie constructed for the transport of the coal by railroad. No effort will be made at the present time, it is understood, to ship the coal by river. Work on the tippie is to be commenced in a very short time, it is announced, and the mine will be ready for operation within three months. Mr. Braznell and his brother, Benjamin Braznell, at the present time operate a small mine known as the Maple Glenn mine, near Millsboro. It is understood that the operations of the two mines will be combined.

The sale of the 100 acres has already been made, but before taking up the adjoining tracts, Mr. Braznell required test holes to be driven to ascertain the quality of the coal. Those figures in the sale of the 100-acre tract are Margaret Crawford and Ellen W. Taylor of Centerville, the heirs of Joseph P. Crawford of Iowa. Equipment for the Maple Glenn mine will be of the most modern type. Electricity will be used almost entirely in the operation, including motors for hauling the coal.

The Crawford tract contains some of the best coal deposits of an undeveloped tract in the Monongahela valley, and the figure of its sale is in keeping with the price for other coal fronting the river. Both the coal and surface was purchased and it is understood that houses will be erected for the accommodation of the employees, who will number about 200.

Mr. Braznell, the purchaser, is a practical coal man from Pittsburgh and was formerly owner of the mine near Brownsville which bears his name. That mine is now the property of the Pittsburgh & Erie company. Mr. Braznell also operates a coal mine along Peter's creek in Washington county.

Try our Oak Grove Butterine. Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue. 170-t3

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANK ACCOUNT

You know that it is a matter of financial prudence to have a bank account—in fact, it is essential. You are cordially invited to come in and start an account with us.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
CHARLEROI, PENNA.

4% Interest Paid on Savings Accounts

Depository for the State of Pennsylvania

Open Saturday Evenings from 8:00 until 9:00 o'clock

Peloubet's Sunday School

Notes for 1917

Price \$1.00

Might's Book Store



HALLMARK STORE

Perhaps you are one of the lucky persons who won a sweet winsome young lady this winter, if so, have us show you our splendid assortment of Rings, Watches, Diamonds, Bracelets, Locketts which make ideal gifts for her—gifts that will last, be fully appreciated and that are rich and beautiful. Both Phones.

JOHN B. SCHAFER, Manufacturing Jeweler and Optician.
515 McKean Ave.

THE CHARLEROI MAIL

A Republican Newspaper.
Established June 5, 1900.

Published Daily Except Sunday by
MAIL PUBLISHING COMPANY
(Incorporated)

Mail Building, Fifth Street
CHARLEROI, PA.

H. E. Price, V. Pres. & Bus. Manager
J. W. Sharpnack Sec'y. and Treas.
Floyd Chalfant City Editor

Entered in the Post Office at Char-
leroi, Pa., as Second Class Matter.

HIGH COST OF FUEL

Experimentation in new kinds of fuel for use in steel, glass and other industries was not started too soon in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, for a demand was created almost before the experiments were proven successful.

It was practically a last resort that drove the industries of the Monongahela valley and other industrial districts into the use of powdered coal and oil producing systems. Gas shortage was the direct cause, it having become necessary during the wintry weather to conserve what little supply there was ahead for use of domestic consumers. Last winter evidence of the approaching crisis was given and then it was proven that very soon indeed would it be necessary for industries to procure substitutes, or to take their chances.

The trouble with powdered coal and oil systems is the high cost. Natural gas prices are low. Just what future experiments will prove remains to be seen, but never probably will the cost of operation be as low as it has been in past years, for fuel will never be as cheap again.

It was the low price of natural gas and the abundance of the product partly that lured industries into the rich western Pennsylvania fields. Had it not been for the presence of gas adaptable for fuel purposes, it is quite likely that this section of the country would today be getting along without quite a number of its industries, providing of course other things were equal. Now that they are located here of course it is hardly probable they will leave very suddenly. But some other fuel will have to be adopted with a lower cost, or else there will have to be increases in prices to meet the increased cost of production.

JUST CONSIDERING.

What does a man care about high prices when he is earning enough to pay bills and to carry a nice bank account? Perhaps that is the reason he isn't growing seriously about what things cost.

Three years ago it would have been as much as a dealer's life was worth to have even hinted at the prices people today are paying smilingly for necessities. But then people little conceived the wonderful changes about to come. They thought they were poor. Today nine-tenths of the people are wealthy, that is wealthy from a certain point of view.

This is a good time to think about what is coming. Next year it is quite probable the present day prosperity will have passed and we might not have as much money in bank as we now have. We will notice prices more. A little more saving now may do a lot to make life brighter then.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

CHANCE TO LIVE.

There is encouragement to everyone in our happy land to be found in the computations of the Census Bureau relative to mortality among our population. There seems to be a steady improvement in the capacity of our people to hold on to life.

According to the record of the past five years, the average annual "death rate" was 16.2 per thousand; for the year 1914, this rate had fallen to 13.6; for 1915 there has been a still further drop—a still more notable increase in vitality. The exact percentage is not yet declared, as a number of states have not made returns; but enough is known to establish the lowest death rate in the country's history.

Life is unquestionably worth living here and the figures of the bureau go to show the effect of a wider use of the means of public sanitation, as well as the prevalence of healthful personal habits.—Beaver Daily Times.

ARE SKIRTS DOOMED?

Will this war end war? Will the application of socialist principles by war governments be continued in peace? Will the nations that have foresworn the bottle in war stick on the water wagon? Will the new generation have less vitality? These and hundreds of other problems suggested by the great struggle have been interminably discussed, but

GINGLES' JINGLES

VACATION TIME.

I hate to hear a gun come back and slam vacation time, telling how he'd suffered as the country roads he'd eluded. A-tellin' how he didn't like the rural spots of ease, where sheep are tattered, the domestic fly a tease, where busy-assorted staves, and of ants about a tree, did a marathon or fox trot on his splashed neck, as he sprawled beneath a shade tree, for a peaceful quiet rest thus the country and vacation time is lost as a pest. And we hate to hear him holler, and we hate to hear him wail, we could clear our clock for action, and right into him could sail, for he does us very nervous, really makes us want to fight, when a thing like real vacation time he puts in such a fight. For an outing we would relish, of vacation grab a slice—but for us it's sick and drill because we haven't got the price.

—Linn H. Jingles

there is one other possibility no less startling and equally revolutionary, which is only now breaking into print. With the mobilization of women in man's work and in man's garments sound the knell of the skirt?

In Great Britain, in Germany and other belligerent countries, women, encumbered by the hampering skirt in their manly labors have resorted to overalls for the sake of the freedom of movement thereby attained. At first they were plain everyday overalls, such as the familiar around any industrial operation carried on by men, locomotive engineers, hod carriers, painters, carpenters or ditch diggers. But, being worn by women, they, of course, did not long stay plain. The dainty feminine sense of texture soon revealed itself in changed materials. The coarse web that suited man's dirt-wallowing habits gave way to lighter and softer goods. The delicate feminine touch added here and there a modification, an amplification, a touch here, a frill there, until gath-ers and flounces and panniers and pockets made the overalls desert to blossom like the rose. And then came the climax of discovery that the things, when properly feminized, were really becoming.

The news spread as all fashion news does. Already overall makers in this country report inquiries for womanly overalls from the most unsuspected quarters. They predict that they will become the rage for housework. Some even look to see them worn outside in gardening or, may be, at golf. If it gets that far, it is not improbable it will be good night for the skirt. Whether men succeed in freeing themselves from the slavery to militarism it is by no means improbable that the most remarkable result of the war may be the emancipation of woman from the skirt. Already it looks as though they were more than half way out of it and still coming, judging by the continuous race between shoe tops and hems.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Most men are nicer to look at than hear when they laugh.

The first thing if you want to buy bank stock is to find a bank paying good dividends. Of course it is easy then finding someone willing to sell.

In Four Reels.

Feeling fine!
Then got mine—
Grip!
Quinine!

—Exchange.

Some of President Wilson's men are accused of engaging in something else than watchful waiting, and the situation is serious.

When a boy is willing to pass up a basketball game to read the life of George Washington these days, it is best to summon the doctor at once.

The legislature adjourned immediately upon election of a speaker. But wasn't that job enough for one month.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

During a city election in New York a bunch of trained repeaters marched in an East Side polling place. "What name?" inquired the election clerk of the leader, who was red-haired and freckled and had a black eye.

The voter glanced down at a slip of paper in his hand. "Isidore Mendelheim," he said.

"That's not your real name and you know it!" said the suspicious challenger for a reform ticket. "It is my name," said the repeater,

"and I'm going to vote under it—see!" From down the line came a voice: "Don't let that guy bluff you, Casey. Sotterly your names is Mendelheim!"

"As I was walking through Central Park in New York when I was there last summer," the fat plumber remarked, "I saw a round, shallow sort of vessel on top of a short post and I have been wondering ever since what it was."

Where was it located? the thin carpenter asked.

"Right out in the middle of a lawn."

"And don't you know what that was?"

"None."

"Well, I'll tell you."

"Shoot away."

"It was a bird bath."

"Quite a kiddin'."

"It's the truth."

"I don't believe it for a very good reason."

"What is the reason?"

"Because I don't believe there is a bird on earth that can tell Saturday night from any other time."—Exchange.

DOG FULL OF TRICKS

BUT THIS PUP IS AN ELECTRICAL AFFAIR.

Invented by John Hays Hammond and B. F. Meister—Controlled by Light Rays It Will Do Many Interesting Things.

In the Popular Science Monthly appears an interesting article by B. F. Meister, describing the famous electric dog which was invented by the author in collaboration with John Hays Hammond, Jr. In speaking of the tricks of his mechanical pet, the writer says:

"The electrical dog, which John Hays Hammond, Jr., and I designed has no tail to wag and no voice to bark with, but he can follow a person about in a most surprising way."

"Like the sunflower that follows the sun in its path across the heavens, my first apparatus was capable of turning itself only to face the object that stimulated it. But a great difficulty had to be overcome. The stimulant was light, and sometimes the dog saw too much light, so that he behaved occasionally in an astonishingly erratic manner."

"Just how grave a difficulty this disobedience really it was illustrated by an amusing incident during a demonstration at a Chicago theater."

"The dog was ready to spring into action, but when the stage was lighted, instead of obeying the flashlight held in my hands, the dog insisted on paying attention to a very alluring but not thickly clothed young woman painted on the scenery near by. It seems that the reflected light from the painting was sufficiently brilliant to compete with the flashlight and to cause the dog to creep to this fairer attraction with a directness which was almost uncanny."

"To all practical intents and purposes, the electrical dog is a dead dog until excited by an external light ray—usually a pocket flashlight, held in the hand. Fastened to the front of a squat, oblong box on three rollerlike wheels, are two great lenses, the eyes through which the dog receives his intelligence. Behind the lenses are two extremely sensitive cells containing the black, waxlike selenium. A peculiarity of selenium is that it is sensitive only to light rays; or, to put the facts a little more technically selenium is a nonconductor of electric currents until it is struck by light, when it becomes a conductor. Located behind the selenium eyes is an arrangement of relays, batteries, magnets and a motor. When a beam of light strikes one of the selenium cells, it causes a relay to be operated which, in turn, causes current to flow through one of the magnets controlling the steering wheel. The driving motor starts and the dog is under way. Shift the light so it strikes the other selenium eye and the dog moves in the other direction. In other words, in whichever direction the light travels there also will the dog go. By reversing a switch on the outside of the box, the dog can be made to back away from the light. Illuminating both cells equally causes the dog to move in a straight line."

—Exchange.

Sometimes Saving Doesn't Pay. There is a credit man here who has lately come to the conclusion that a saving disposition does not always pay. This is the story: For a long time this man has opened all the mail that comes to his department. After removing the contents of the envelopes he used carefully to slit them and open them out for scratch paper, in the belief that he was saving money for the house thereby. Recently, however, after being joshed by a friend who saw him doing it, the credit man decided to see whether he was actually saving money or not. He found that, on the average he spent seven minutes a day slitting and smoothing out envelopes. On the basis of a 300-day working year, this meant that he was spending 35 hours a year on that job. Computing the cost of this labor on the basis of his salary, he found that he was losing time and the firm money. Now the office boy slits them and smooths them out.

JAPAN HAS "LARGE GIVERS"

Far Eastern Empire Close Second to United States in Public Benefactions by Private Citizens.

While the United States easily holds the lead in "large giving" by private citizens for public beneficence, Japan ever eager in the race for civic betterment, is showing great generosity among its wealthy toward projects for the public good, says East and West. An endowment fund for a department of medicine for Keio university was sought last summer. It was originally planned to raise 1,000,000 yen and during September 700,000 yen was realized. Responses to the appeal continued in such a generous stream that by October 15 the sum had increased to 1,037,000 yen. The largest donors are the Mitsui family, with 100,000 yen and the Mirimura, Homokwai, Baron Iwasaki and Mr. Fujita with 50,000 yen each. Encouraged by the gifts to date, the university has decided to include the purchase price of the site in the fund and has raised the mark to 1,500,000 yen. The unexpected generosity of the donations marks a new stage in the development of Japan. The Keio subscription fund was preceded a short time ago by 2,000,000 yen donations by individuals in Osaka. One was a gift of 1,000,000 yen to the Osaka municipality to be expended for the general betterment of the city's inhabitants. Another donation of the same amount was made to the Osaka Medical college for a department of research.

REAL NAPOLEON OF FINANCE

Private Secretary of Capitalist Hit Upon a Way to Raise His Salary While Cutting It.

The capitalist knew that the new company was spending too much money; also he knew that in some way they had got to put a stop to it. So anxious was he to reduce expenses that he offered his private secretary \$25 a month extra if he could find a way to cut down current expenses.

The young man overhauled his accounts, but he failed to find a single expense that could be judiciously cut down. Just as he was about to give up the promised increase in salary it occurred to him that he was already getting \$30 a month. Brimming over with enthusiasm, he sought the capitalist.

"I have found a way," he said. "You can save \$10 a month on me. I have taken that amount off my salary." It took the capitalist just about a tenth of a second to see that the young man was still \$15 a month ahead; but the bargain stood.—New York Globe.

Calls Handkerchief Dangerous.

Dr. S. F. Robbins of New York is engaged in a campaign of overthrowing the pocket handkerchief, which he says continues to be a dangerous source of infection long after a person has recovered from such diseases as infantile paralysis and even common "colds."

"The day will come," he says, "when the customary cotton rag is replaced by the cheap and clean Japanese paper napkin, which is burned after it has been used. Infants and children are helpless against the rubbing of strange handkerchiefs over their perspiring and grimy faces. The public roller towel of the past was innocuous as compared to the family pocket handkerchief. Bitter experience will drive home the lesson that neglected noses, mouths and throats, which are largely, if not exclusively, responsible for the ultimate crippling of the unfortunate victims of disease and ignorance."

No Escape.

"You cannot get away from it!" declared old Festus Pester. "Every time I expressed my sentiments about present-day politics and the election, I tripped on somebody's sensitive toes." So I lately resolved that thereafter I would confine my criticism exclusively to the late Anneke Jans. I did not suppose there was a friend of that lauded gentleman (or was she a lady?) left on earth. But just as soon as they could get around to it, squads of them opened up on me in the Public Mind, and poured shot and shell, grape and canister into my quivering ranks from both sides and the back. No use in talking—in addition to death and taxes, the Public Mind is inevitable.—Kansas City Star.

Uncle Sam's Printing Plant.

Some \$2,000,000 pounds of paper and 65,000,000 pounds of ink are used annually by Uncle Sam's big printery, the government printing office, and the total expense of the office is something like \$6,000,000 a year. Employees work eight hours a day, receive a compensation comparing favorably with union wages throughout the country and are allowed 30 days' vacation with pay each year. Some divisions of the office run night forces all year and others only during the sessions of congress. Employees working at night receive a 20 per cent advance over day rates of pay.

The Queen Detroned.

For three weeks he had borne all the horrors of the annual cleaning without a murmur. Then his patience gave way. "And you," sobbed his wife, "you used to tell me I was your queen." "Yes," he said, with a wild glare in his eyes; "but when a man finds his queen has used his best tobacco jar for pale oak varnish and his meerschaum pipe for a tack-hammer, he begins to grasp the advantages of a republic."

MEN ARE GROWING SHORTER

French Savant Years Ago Gave Out Information That Adam Was 123 Feet 9 Inches Tall.

In recent years anatomists have shown in a practical way that the height of a man or woman can be increased to a considerable extent by appliances for stretching. These extensions, however, have only been of inches or tenths of an inch, and such have not been, nor are they likely to be developed by artifice means. It was a French savant, named Henricson, who, 250 years ago, gave to the world authoritative statements as to the height of Adam and Eve. He said that the father of the race was 123 feet 9 inches high and Eve 118 feet 9 inches. He noted that from the creation of these enlarged editions of humanity, degeneration had been rapid; that Noah was only 27, Abraham only 20 and Moses but 13 feet in height.

According to this French authority, if the Christian dispensation had not arrested this decrease, man by this time—250 years ago—would have been a mere microscopic object, and we may conclude that by our time he would not have been at all. M. Henricson did not give any explanation as to height of those ancients.

Perhaps the most gigantic story on record is that concerning an immense skeleton, said to have been in Sicily, which measured 300 feet in length. This story, however, carries its own refutation, as it is said that found beside this giant was his walking stick, which was 30 feet long and thick as a telegraph pole. A clever calculator made the estimate that a walking stick only 30 feet in length for a man who measured 300 feet would be as ridiculous as one of seven inches for a man of ordinary stature.—Kansas City Journal.

THESE BOOKS WERE DIGESTED

History Furnishes Instances of Authors Being Compelled Literally to Eat Their Words.

To literally digest a book is an accomplishment which few can boast of having performed. Nevertheless, a good deal of literature has been destroyed in this way at one time or another.

Barnabo Visconti compelled two papal delegates to eat the bulk of excommunication which they had brought him, together with its silken cords and leaden seal. As the bull was written on parchment, it was all the more difficult to digest. A similar anecdote is related of an Austrian general, who had signed a note for 2,000 florins, and when it fell due, compelled his creditors to eat it.

A Scandinavian writer, the author of a political book, was compelled to choose between being beheaded or eating his manuscript boiled in broth. Isaac Volmar, who wrote some satires against Bernard, duke of Saxony, was not allowed the courtesy of the kitchen, but was forced to swallow them uncooked. Still worse was the fate of Philip Oldenburger, a jurist of great renown, who was condemned not only to eat a pamphlet of his writing, but also to be flogged during his repast.

Japanese Pearl-Oyster Farm.

Japan has a pearl-oyster farm. In the Bay of Ago there has been established a plantation from which a rich harvest is obtained.

In May or June stones weighing from six to eight pounds are sunk in shallow water, and in August the tiny shells begin to appear on them. The stones remain in for two months, but since the young oysters cannot endure cold, in November all rocks in less than five feet of water are moved farther out, where the temperature is more even. At the end of three years, when the shells are about two inches across, they are taken from the water, nuclei for pearls inserted in them and replaced in the water, 30 of them to every six square feet of bottom.

There they are left for four years. Then, being seven and a half years old they are removed and searched for pearls.

Mushroom Quarries of Paris.

To the south of Paris, the country is honeycombed with abandoned quarries some of which are of enormous extent resembling the shafts of great mines, being from 300 yards to half a mile in length and lying from 30 to 150 feet beneath the surface of the ground.

In these old quarries are grown nearly all the mushrooms consumed in the French capital. Mushrooms flourish in these caverns at all seasons, and they have, in Paris, the reputation of being superior in flavor to those grown elsewhere. The worst enemy of the mushroom growers is a species of fly that swarms through the dark passages in such numbers as sometimes to extinguish the candles of the workmen. The larvae of this fly destroy the beds before the shoots have emerged above the ground.

Pocket Boots for Fishermen.

A pair of rubber boots so light that they may be rolled up and carried in the pocket is principally designed for the use of amateur fishermen, says the Scientific American. For wading through streams they are worn over the leather shoes, affording all the protection of the heavy boots without the inconvenience of the latter when on the way to and from the fishing ground. The boots are made of pure gum, fashion lined and have an elastic top, thus fitting tightly around the leg.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
The Great Kidney and Bladder Pills.
Pills in Red and Gold wrapper.
Sold by Druggists Everywhere.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

WHAT YOU WANT AND WHERE TO GET IT

GEORGE D. CLARK

Fancy Groceries
Fifth Street and Washington Ave.

The world known line of
W. H. DOUGLAS SHOES
is to be found at
RIVA'S STORE
Shoes to fit feet and
pocket-books

Prompt attention given Collections
Automobile, Motorcycle Licenses
Both Phones
PAUL R. NUTT
Justice of the Peace
435 McKean Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes
Indigestion. One package
proves it. 25c at all druggists.

FOR SALE

6 room house, McKean Ave....\$3600
10 room, double house, 6th St....\$2600
10 room house, Crest Ave.....\$3600
8 room house, McKean Ave....\$2100
4 room house, Oakland Ave....\$1900
7 rooms and bath Washington
Ave.\$2500

I. P. HEPLER,
411 Fallowfield Ave.,
Charleroi, Pa.

MONEY TO LOAN

\$5 & up—no advance charges

THE

American Loan Co.

211 Fifth St. Second Floor

Mail Bldg., Charleroi, Pa.

Taking a Chance.

Andy Donaldson, a well-known character of Glasgow, lay on his deathbed. "I cannot leave ye thus, Nancy," the old Scotsman wailed. "Ye're ower auld to work, an' ye couldn't live in the workhouse. Gin I dee, ye mairn marry saither man, wha'll keep ye in comfort in yer old age."

"Nay, nay, Andy," answered the good spouse; "I couldn't marry an' fatter man. Ad' whit wull I dae wi' two husbands in heaven?"

Andy pondered over this, but suddenly his face brightened.

"I lae it, Nancy," he cried. "Ye ken auld John Cleumens? He's a kind man, but he's no' a member o' the kirk. He likes ye, Nancy, an' gin ye'll marry him, I'll be at the same in heaven. John's no' a Christian, and he's no' likely to get there."—Argonaut.

Reads Like Fiction.

It takes quite a while for a woman to pick out a hat, but not as long as it does for her to select a mail paper. That is the reason for the understanding among her friends that Mrs. Jones is the most remarkable woman in the world. She went to the city from her suburban home, with just 43 minutes between trains; she selected paper for three rooms and paid for it; on the way back to the station she stopped and bought a small present for a friend; she passed a millinery store, saw a cat that looked her fancy, rushed in, picked it up and wore it out; stopped at a confectioner's and bought some candy for the children; used the telephone; reached the station, boarded the train and had seven minutes to spare.—Chicago News.

Low Salaries in Greece.

No doubt Greek officers, who are very badly paid as compared with the English standard, console themselves with the knowledge that they are probably as well off in the army as they would be in any other profession, for salaries in Greece are all ridiculously low as gauged by those in Great Britain. The highest judges, for example, do not get much more than £200 a year, while many of their less exalted brothers have to make ends meet on about half that sum, with the prospect of a full pension after thirty-five years' service.—London Chronicle.

Advertising is the best way
to rebuild your business

Suits, Coats and Dresses Wonderfully Reduced

The heavy reductions on our Suits, Coats and Dresses proves to be a great drawing card. Have you bought yours yet? Better come in right now and get one of these suits while you can. The coats too are selling fast, so if you wish a good selection we advise an early buy at big reductions.

Womens Suits

12.50, 15.00, 18.50 Values, Clearance Price.....\$9.75
15.00, 18.00, 20.00 Values, Clearance Price.....\$12.50
In this lot are some very large sizes, 44-46-48
22.50, 25.00, Values, Clearance Price.....\$16.50
28.50, 30.00, 32.50 Values, Clearance Price.....\$22.50
and many of our very finest suits made by the best manufacturers of the very finest materials including all our 35.00, 40.00 and 45.00 suits at similar reductions-

Big Reductions on Ladies & Misses Coats Dresses and Winter Furs

Don't fail to take advantage of this sale most of the winter is yet to come and you will get plenty of wear as well as the greatest bargains ever offered.

J. W. BERRYMAN & SON

"Charleroi's Live Store"

LECTURES AT HIGH SCHOOL ON CONDITIONS IN EGYPT

Prof. Cornelius McNary, the latest addition to the Charleroi high school faculty, who was a former teacher in a college at Cairo, Egypt, featured the chapel exercises at high school this morning with an address on the customs, conditions and country of Egypt. He told of his experiences in Egypt as a teacher and of the activities in which the people are engaged, giving an interesting though brief lecture.

To Hold 500 Party.
Arrangements are being made for a 500 party that will be held by the Monessen Auxiliary to the Charleroi-Monessen hospital at the Moose Temple, Monessen from 2 till 5 tomorrow afternoon. Refreshments will be served. An invitation is being extended to Charleroi people.

Little Damage by Fire
A light fire caused the fire department to be summoned about midnight last night to the home of Samuel Claybaugh on Washington avenue. A picture thrown on a fire had caused a slight blaze. Practically no damage was done.

PERSONALS

Misses Katherine Hazel and Ella Kopacz were visitors in Pittsburg with friends Monday.
Mrs. W. A. Miksch is visiting with relatives at Monaca.
The Musical Auxiliary will meet at the Hotel Walfred this evening when a program of Italian music will be rendered.
Guy Woodward has gone to New York to attend the Auto Show.
Pete Coughnour of Elizabeth was a caller with friends in Charleroi Sunday.
Misses Adah and Emma Kaufe and Winifred Guiler visited with friends at Monongahela Sunday.
Ernest Dorbritz has returned to W. & J. college at Washington after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dorbritz of Crest avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and son of Youngstown, Ohio are visiting with relatives in Charleroi.
Mrs. Herman Christopher has gone to Youngstown to spend several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Carson.
Mrs. Eunice Gibson is visiting with relatives at Youngstown.

DRUM CORPS SERENADE

**NEWLYWEDS; THEN ENJOY
DINNER IN THEIR HONOR**
An old fashioned serenade with new fangled accompaniments was tendered Mr. and Mrs. John Ellenberger of McKean avenue Saturday by the members of the Charleroi Veteran Guard drum corps of which Mr. Ellenberger is a member. The affair was arranged in compliment to the couple as a surprise. They were placed in chairs on a wagon well decorated with descriptive banners and strips of card board, and led by the drum corps, playing martial airs escorted over the main streets. Stops were made at the principal corners, where the drum corps held a concert in their honor. The parade ended at the home of Samuel Crawford on Fallowfield avenue, where in compliment to the members of the drum corps Mr. and Mrs. Ellenberger had arranged a little "feed." The evening was merrily spent and as a further surprise to the couple they were presented with a clock, Joseph Gass making the presentation speech. Mr. and Mrs. Ellenberger were married recently in Richmond, Va.

GAME STOPPED WHEN THE POLICE STEP IN

Raiding a place on Meadow avenue Sunday morning at 3 o'clock the police arrested 14 for gambling. Now the party is being held under forfeit of \$12 each for a hearing to be given tonight. Complaints have reached the police at different times and Saturday night it is said the wife of one of the alleged players asked that the police make a raid. She asserted them by working her way into the place. The police quickly following her. All the police participated and those nabbed were Jack Pavelshok, A. Callesi, L. Malls, John Malls, Antoni Corio, Dan Blogh, Joe Demarco, George Demarco, William Heider, Sullivan Leoparatti, Charles Camidinio, Joe Camidinio, John Leoparatti and Romelia Rosennia.

Try our Oak Grove Butterine.
Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue.
170-13

A teaspoonful of fresh herbs and leaves in a cup of hot water and you have a natural medicine for stomach, liver and bowels. Relieves headaches, sour stomach and constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Not drastic, does not gripe. Henning's Drug Store.

Try our Oak Grove Butterine.
Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue.
170-13

"GOOD FELLOWS" OF HISTORY

They Are of Both Sexes and Have Saved World From Being an Utter Failure, Says Writer.

Good fellows are not limited to one sex. Not by any means. This would be a sorry world if they were. In fact, they may be found anywhere, and everywhere, for wherever you hear a cheerful, heartsome song there you will find a good fellow, as surely as there is a partridge where "bob white" is. The good fellows have saved the world from proving an utter failure, and whatever there is that is worth having is due to their good offices, and whatsoever of greatness this old world may achieve in ages to come it will owe to the good fellows who belong to the ages.

Your really good fellow is not a goody-goody chap, too wary to mingle with the throng, and too free for everyday use. Not he. Neither sugar nor salt he will stand a deal of rain and storm, and with courage strong he is ever ready for any fray in which the right is assailed. To him death is a secondary matter when to live would be to play the coward.

STORY TELLING AS AN ART

London Woman Revives Customs of Ancient Days When Tales Were Told for Dramatic Interest.

Story telling as it was in ancient days when history and knightly adventure, touched with the supernatural, were the inspiration of bards and minstrels, and when tales were told chiefly for their dramatic interest, is the art of Miss Marie L. Shedlock of London.

"Stories should be told to children and grown-ups alike for the dramatic interest of them, just as they were told 2,000 years ago and are still told on the street corners," says Miss Shedlock. "The beauty and dramatic interest of the story itself should be set forth simply, not with eloquence or imposing theatrics. Pointing obvious morals to children is of little avail in teaching them. What impresses them most is telling them stories of heroes or figures they may admire and allowing them to make the comparison between themselves and the characters—then will they really be taught the best sort of actions."

Emblem That Is Historic.
Of historical interest is the emblem found on every prescription written by a physician, consisting of the letter R with a thin line across the tail at an acute angle. According to historians it had its origin in the ancient custom of allowing the stars to dominate everyday incidents of life. The R thus marked is said to have been the emblem used by the ancients to designate the supremacy of the planet Jupiter. Therefore it seems probable that some chemist of ancient days gave a prescription or a recipe to some patient and wrote upon it the emblem of the planet then in the ascendancy, which happened to be Jupiter. This emblem has come down to the present time and is always used. In a more modern sense it stands for a recipe, or an order or instruction to take something. Literally construed, it means "take" or "take thou."

Don't forget the Maccabee euhre, Jan. 11.
170-14

CALIFORNIA TEAM NO MATCH FOR LYCEUM

The St. Jerome's Lyceum basketball tossers added another victory to their string Saturday night. When they fairly swamped the California Collegians on the Lyceum floor.

Lineup: Lyceum—33
Scholar F
Oates F
Lentz G
Ludwig G
Protin G
Collegians—19
Carson F
Jackson G
Mills G
Glunt G
Smith G
Substitutes—Motts for Lentz, Baker for Jackson. Field goals—Schell 4, Oates 5, Lentz 3, Ludwig 3, Carson 4, Mills 1, Glunt 3, Baker 1. Fouls—Schell 3 out of 6, Mills 1 out of 5. Referee—Leahy

SCANTILY GLAD MAN TAKEN CARE OF BY THE POLICE

Wearing only an undershirt, which was a dismal failure in providing covering sufficient until all needs, Joseph Kornhi, aged 49 years of Shady avenue, was found wandering on Long alley shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning and taken in charge by the police. On Sunday arrangements were made to take him to the county home at Arden as being a man of unsound mind. He was released to his family to remain Sunday night, and today as a result of his experiences is in bed. It seems an effort was made Saturday to keep the man in his house but he escaped shortly after midnight to make his way down street.

EMBASSY CORPS OVERWORKED

SAYS WASHINGTON COUNTY MAN

William McKennan Smith of Washington expects his brother, U. S. Grant-Smith, counselor of the American Embassy in Vienna, who had left the Austrian capital as a result of a nervous breakdown to come directly to Washington and spend several months at his old home there to recuperate. Counselor Grant-Smith, in a letter received by his brother a week ago, stated that the American Embassy staff in Vienna was giving way under the enormous pressure of business, and that he was on the verge of collapse himself. The entire corps, he said, was overworked.

SEATS FILLED AT SERVICES

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Practically every seat was filled at the Methodist Episcopal church at both the Sunday morning and the Sunday evening services when Rev. C. A. Hartung, the pastor continued his evangelistic meetings started a week ago. On Sunday morning he preached a stirring sermon on "Why Should I be a Christian?" and in the evening on "The Judgment." Both sermons were striking. At the conclusion of the evening sermon the invitation was given and a half dozen persons professed conversion. This week services will be conducted nightly with the exception of tonight.

ARMAMENT OF SMALL LAD IS

SEIZED BY BOROUGH POLICE

The police Sunday morning had occasion to seize a Flobert rifle with which a lad on Cherry alley was shooting at birds. They have the rifle at the police station now and the boy with his father have been invited to appear tonight in order that a proper explanation of the law be given prohibiting the use of a rifle within the borough confines. The boy was small and it seems was anxious to try out his weapon, a Christmas present, by firing at birds. Other small lads were with him.

REV. J. A. A. CRAIG RESIGNS PASTORATE AT BENTLEYVILLE

Rev. J. A. A. Craig, pastor for the past six years of the Bentleyville Presbyterian church and formerly of Canonsburg, has tendered his resignation. Rev. Mr. Craig has done excellent work at Bentleyville and under his faithful and able leadership that congregation has greatly prospered. When he became pastor the congregation had but a few more than 100 members. It now has 202. The number of pupils in the Sabbath school also has been largely increased, while the amount of money contributed for the benevolence of the denomination is four or five times as great as when Mr. Craig took charge. There has also been a large increase in the amount contributed for congregational purposes.

OBSERVERS NOTE EARLY MORNING ECLIPSE OF MOON

A total eclipse of the moon, the first since 1913 and the first that has been completely visible in this distance since 1910, began at 12:50 o'clock this morning. Because of the brightness of the moon the eclipse was easily visible and was seen throughout the United States.

At the Allegheny Observatory, Dr. Frank Schlesinger took observations and a picture of the eclipse. The eclipse was first noticed by a slight darkening on the eastern edge of the moon. Gradually the shadow passed over the surface until 2 o'clock when the moon was obscured. At 3:29 it began reappearing and one hour and 10 minutes later, according to Dr. Schlesinger, was totally visible.

According to Dr. Schlesinger there will be three eclipses of the moon and four of the sun during this year. Not since 1787 have these same numbers been seen and this phenomena will not be seen again until 1932.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES AT HARRISBURG 400,000

Almost 400,000 automobile licenses of all classes were issued by the automobile division of the state highway department during 1916. Figures on the books of Registrar George M. Brusstar show that 316,275 paid licenses were issued in the various classes, and 1,183 were issued free. Besides these 77,169 non-paid drivers' licenses and 61 non-paid tractor licenses were issued. There were 16,987 transfers in the paid class and 22 in the free class. The transfer figures are in addition to the number of licenses issued.

Receipts for licenses for 1916 continued right up to the close of December 30, the last business day of the year. The receipts that day were \$1, the fee for a transfer. It boosted the year's total to the record of \$2,325,057.50. The big end of the business of course, was the licensing of pneumatic tired vehicles, there being more than 219,000 such cards and tags sent out.

LOCAL MERCHANT RECEIVES NEWS OF BROTHER'S DEATH

C. M. Roe, a merchant of Fallowfield avenue has received word of the death of his brother, A. S. Roe, at Worcester, Mass., Saturday morning. The late Mr. Roe was editor of the Worcester, Gazette.

Sickening headaches, constipation, indicate unhealthy condition of stomach and bowels. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea assists the bowels to work naturally, thus aiding your health in general. Begin tonight. Henning's Drug Store.

Try our Oak Grove Butterine.
Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue.
170-13

CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Young man for office work, experience not necessary. Write 851 Mail office. 172-14

WANTED—Work by the day. 848 Mail office. 172-12p

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 330 Washington avenue. 172tf

WANTED—To buy house of 3 to 6 rooms, price must be reasonable. Write 850 Mail office. 172-tf

FOR RENT—Small store room. Cheap rent. Good location. Apply 426 Fallowfield avenue. 167-tf

FOR SALE—Three white iron single beds, complete with mattresses and springs. Apply M. Wikstrom, Lockview. 171-13

FOR SALE—1916 Dodge Touring car in good condition. \$550. Inquire Peoples Realty Co. 145eod

FOR SALE—Profitable furniture and hardware business in Brownsville. Good reason for selling. Address Frank Magidson, Brownsville, Pa. 172-13

FOR RENT—7 rooms and store room. \$30.00; 5 rooms and bath, \$20.00; 3 rooms, \$9.00. Union Realty Co., 600 Fallowfield avenue. Both phones. 172-12

FOR RENT—Eight roomed house, with bath and furnace. Good location. Rent \$30 per month. Inquire Charleroi Real Estate Agency. 172-tf

The Chance of The Winter To Buy Furs!!

Tuesday, January 9th, 1917

Then will be with us a maker of fine furs from New York with a large stock of Fur Sets, Muffs and Coats, which will be sold at prices away under those regularly asked. This will prove a splendid opportunity for one to secure reliable furs underpriced. We invite everybody to come and see this splendid showing.

The Great Economy Sale is Now On

With Its Hundreds of Bargains

DON'T MISS IT!

Roe & Co., 422 Fallowfield Avenue,
CHARLEROI, PA.

HOST HAD REASONED WELL

Couldn't Afford to Sacrifice Reputation for Veracity by Backing Up His Guest's "Tall" Story.

A well-known diplomat told at a dinner in Washington a significant parable.

"They who expect the men in authority to do a great deal for them—they who expect the impossible—should remember the grizzly bear story."

"A famous grizzly bear hunter gave a dinner, and one of the guests told of a bear hunt that he had once shared in with his host. It had been a remarkable hunt. The bear had been killed under almost incredible difficulties. Although his auditors looked skeptical, the narrator did not spare them any of those difficulties. He counted on the host, you see, for corroboration."

"Then, when he had finished his strange but perfectly true tale, he said: 'There, that's the story, and, gentlemen, our host will corroborate every word I say.'"

"No, George," he said, "I don't remember anything of this sort at all. Tableau!"

"Maddened by this tableau, the guest, at the end of the dinner, took his host aside and hissed:

"Why didn't you back me up in that bear story? You know every word of it was true."

"Yes," said the famous hunter; "yes, it was all true, but I saw that everybody round the table thought you were lying. If, then, I had supported you, the only result would have been they would have set me down for a liar, too."

WARNED OF "DARK HORSE"

Phrase That Has Become Famous Had Its Origin in a Race Meet in Tennessee Town.

The first use of the phrase, "a dark horse," has been traced to a turf oracle named Judge McMinamee. A man named Sam Flynn owned a black stallion called Dusky Pete. He was not a "likely horse" in appearance, but he could travel at a rate that put most of the animals pitted against him to scorn.

It was Flynn's custom to ride this horse into a town where a race meeting was being held, and enter him in a race. Dusky Pete didn't look particularly good, and Flynn could always get a goodly number of bets down at excellent odds. Seldom did Pete fail to romp home far ahead of the local favorites, to the enrichment of his owner.

One day Judge McMinamee was appointed judge at a race meet, and among the entries he observed Dusky Pete. "Gentlemen," he said, "there's a dark horse in this race that will make you sick." After that it became a saying to "look out for the dark horse."

Left Vicar's Wife Thinking.

The vicar's wife was tireless in discouraging the use of tobacco. According to the good lady, it was the weed which made a veritable wilderness of the rose-garden of life. "Well, Annie," she remarked to one of the village lasses about to get married, "I hope your chosen is one of the non-chimney variety—does not smoke." "He ain't what you'd call a slave to the habit, ma'am," replied the girl, "but he ain't exactly a stranger to it. I don't feel called on to put a stop to it, neither. You see, I want him to be happy and comfortable about the house when we're married." "Surely he would be just as happy without that dreadful tobacco!" advanced the lady. "P'raps he would, ma'am, and p'raps he wouldn't," came the answer; "anyhow, I wouldn't like him to keep on findin' jobs out o' sight every few minutes, then come in eatin' corfy berries, like the poor vicar."—London Tit-Bits.

Man Who Knew Everything.

Thiers, the French statesman, was a victim of many whimsies. None had stronger hold on him, says Mgr. Gabriel Henotaux in Contemporary France, than his desire to get everybody to recognize his universal competency.

Of an applicant for the post of director at the Sevres manufactory Thiers said:

"He is no more made for that part than I for— and then he stopped."

"Ah, oh! M. Thiers," said his interlocutor, "you find it hard to say what you could not do."

"That's the truth!" That's the truth!" cried the statesman gleefully.

One day Thiers said, speaking of a man who had been raised to a high function:

"He is no more suited for that office than I am to be a druggist. And yet," he added, catching himself up, "I do know chemistry!"

Freedom's True Friend.

The true friend of freedom does not wish to be insulted by the supposition that he believes each human individual an erring man, and that nevertheless the united clamor of erring men has a character of divinity about it; nor does he desire to be told that the voice of the people, though legitimately and institutionally proclaimed and justly commanding respect and obedience, is divine on that account. He knows that the majority may err, and that he has the right and often the duty to use his whole energy to convince them of their error, and lawfully to bring about a different set of laws. The true and staunch Republican would not fight, but no dedication either of himself or others.—Emerson.

MADE "BOOKIES" LOOK SILLY

Visitor From Dublin Turned Neat Trick on London Sharks Who Had Boasted Too Loudly.

A Dublin man, being on a vacation in London recently, patronized a hotel resorted to by two English bookies and, being continually and unmercifully teased by them, decided on revenge. In the smokenoon one evening the two were discussing the desirability of bookies, when our friend, who had recently introduced the subject, declared that there was nothing wonderful about their work at all. At once the smart man could do what they do.

"I couldn't lift any man if I so wished," he declared, "no matter who or how alert he might be."

"Bet you fifty to a tanner you don't lift that tall over there, Mr. Mick or Pat, or whatever your name is," snapped one of the bookies, at the same time indicating the only other occupant of the room—a gentleman standing at a distant window.

"Done," said our friend, and the money was taken. He approached the gentleman and spoke to him, at the same time relieving him of his watch and chain, the pin and pocketbook. The gentleman didn't apparently notice anything wrong, but the bookies could distinctly see the operation. Our friend won his bet and the bookie lost his temper next day on discovering that our friend and the gentleman whom he had lifted were bosom companions who had arranged the little matter between them.—London Mail.

DIDN'T QUITE GET THE IDEA

Library Patron Evidently Was Not Strictly Up to Date in Knowledge of Modern Literature.

A student assistant, engaged in reading the shelves at the public library, was accosted by a primly dressed, middle-aged woman, who said that she had finished reading the last of Laura Jean Libbey's writings, and that she should like something just as good.

The young assistant, unable for the moment to think of Laura Jean Libbey's equal, hastily scanned the shelf on which she was working, and, choosing a book, offered it to the applicant, saying, "Perhaps you would like this, 'A Kentucky Cardinal.'"

"No," was the reply; "I don't care for theological works."

"But," replied the kindly assistant, with needless enthusiasm, "this cardinal was a bird."

"That would not recommend him to me," said the woman, as she moved away in search of a librarian who should be a better judge of character as well as of Laura Jean Libbey's peers.—Harper's Magazine.

Tools Egyptians Used.

Stone implements and household tools, estimated to be 40,000 years old, forming part of a collection owned by Meremphat, son and successor to Ramesses the Great, 1,300 years before Christ, have been unearthed in the prehistoric monarch's palace at Memphis, ancient capital of Egypt.

Advices telling of these important discoveries have reached the university museum in Philadelphia from Dr. Clarence S. Fisher, leader of the Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., expedition to Egypt.

In a full report, Doctor Fisher describes wandering through the spacious halls of the great palace that for centuries lay buried in ancient Memphis. Gold ornaments, scarabs, vessels of various kinds and vases were found intact, just as they must have been when the lords of those days departed.

Many of the relics found says Doctor Fisher, date back to the stone age. Traces of a fire that must have ravished the palace are found on every side, according to the archeologist.—Exchange.

Odd Numbers.

A hen is always given an odd number of eggs to be hatched. Why? There is no reason at all except superstition.

Salutes from warships, forts, etc., are always given in odd numbers, yet no valid reason can be adduced. It is a remnant of the old "odd numbers are lucky" superstition.

Virgil records all sorts of charms and spells practiced round odd numbers—never even ones. Seven is the favorite biblical number, and old divines taught that it held a mystical perfection. It is an odd number.

Faust, in the "Merry Wives," is entrapped for the third time. He himself said: "They say there is a divinity in odd numbers," because of the odd belief in odd numbers.

Physicians of other days always insisted that "bleedings" should be in odd numbers—one, three, five, etc., and never an even one.—London Mail.

Sound Thoughts—Sound Body.

You may have a well body, but you must begin to build it with your word. Instead of laying up weak and sick word in your body, begin now to speak the word of strength and health—and keep it up. Don't look at what has been. Lot's wife tried that, and she never got beyond the past. Clear out of your mind all this rubbish about uric acid, gallstone, etc., and you will find that none of them has lodgment in your body. The thought makes the body and determines the condition it lives in. Thoughts of health are living, eternal things, and they work with their irresistible power of almightiness to tone up the organism to their own high key of harmony and capability.—Unity.

MENTAL HABITS OF DEBT

Summary of the Illusions That Are Often Employed by the Spend-thrift.

These are mental habits of debt, William H. Hamby says in the Saturday Evening Post.

1. An overestimate of income. In the mind of a spendthrift, the income is always too large. If a man is working at \$3 a day, he multiplies 26 working days in the month by three, without any allowance for sickness, accident, bad weather or nonemployment. If he is in business, he counts the next month on a par with his best month in the past; if in a profession, he figures on the largest possible number of clients. In the more exaggerated type of debt and he expects unexpected good luck to add to his regular income.

2. An underestimate of expenses. A tendency to think of the debts separately—and to count them as extraordinary emergencies that won't happen next month.

3. Thinking that if you can afford a thing that costs \$20 you can afford a better quality that costs only \$5 more—the elasticity of optimism.

4. Considering what we want as absolute necessities that must be supplied at once; but what our creditors want as luxuries to be looked after in 60 or 90 days—or when we get around to it.

5. Thinking more about what we owe our station in life than what we owe our tradesmen. It is easy for the debt-making mind to convince itself that good clothes, a fine variety of good conveniences and a nice home are the wisest sort of investments—even off the other fellow's money.

6. A feeling—when not pushed by creditors—that debt is rather a trivial matter. "Oh, everybody runs accounts. They know I'm good for it. Why worry?" An impression that it is much better to be generous and jolly than prompt and just.

7. In thinking that living in the future means living off the future. There is as much difference between hoping for tomorrow and borrowing from tomorrow as there is between raising a crop and mortgaging the farm.

BEGINNING OF OUR NAVY

Camden Yards on the Delaware the Original Birthplace of Warships and Merchantmen.

Sale of the big shipyard at Camden centers all eyes again upon the Delaware as the birthplace of American navies and merchant marine.

It was in this city that Joshua Humphreys, born out at Haverford, designed and built the original warship for independent America. That work was done in the Continental shipyard, this city, at the very outset of the revolution.

This constructor of our first navy was ordered to build and equip a fleet of war vessels, and they sailed in 1776. Years later, when Washington was president congress ordered the construction of America's first real navy.

Joshua Humphreys was again commissioned to design these warships, and it was then that "Old Ironsides," officially the Constitution—the President, the United States, the Constitution and the Congress were designed.

When Humphreys was a very old man somebody gave him a can made from wood taken from "Old Ironsides," and the octogenarian constructor then told how he had designed our first navy "under the administration of the ever-memorable Washington."

But one dreadnought such as built in the Camden yard just sold could sink Humphreys' entire fleet with as much ease and immunity from injury to itself as a lion could crush a rabbit.—Girard in Philadelphia Ledger.

More Buddha Bones Discovered.

The excavations now being carried on by the archaeological survey in India among the miles of ruins in the Rawalpindi district, famous in the time of Buddha as the principal university town in India, have resulted in the discovery of a casket containing bones with an inscription indicating that they are those of Gautama himself, says a bulletin of the Japan society.

This is the fourth find of the kind. The first was upon the borders of Nepal many years ago, the second near Peshawar in 1909, and the third later. The fact that these relics have been found in widely separated localities supports the accepted story that after the cremation of Buddha the bones were distributed among his disciples and carried by them to a number of distant places.

Armor for Soldiers.

In many instances the evolution of modern military uniforms and arms has been marked by a return to types of ancient and medieval days. Perhaps the steel helmet is the most striking example of this tendency. Now a London firm has patented and is manufacturing a steel-lined officer's jacket which suggests the old coats of mail, though in outward appearance it resembles an ordinary close-fitting coat. It is claimed that the jacket will resist a .45-caliber revolver bullet at 20 yards.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

The Anti Scored.

En route to Florida one winter, a young, suffering seated herself in the observation car between two aged "ants," saying as she did so: "A rose between two thorns." But one of the ants, a crusty old codger with gray whiskers, retorted: "No, no, young lady—you mean a tongue sandwich."

SATISFIED WITH SIMPLE LIFE

People of the Latin Countries Take Things Less Seriously Than We Do in the North.

They take things less seriously down in the Andes country. The Latin races live their lives easily. There is a lack of realization of the seriousness and meaning of life, an habitual inclination to take things lightly. With no struggle to better their lot in life or fight against untoward circumstances, they calmly resign themselves to the fate of the unseen hand. In family life there is much affectionate generosity and contentment; life for them is simpler and less intense than in Anglo-Saxon countries.

There the women care little for the ballet. Are they backward? Does civilization lag? Perhaps; but those who travel there declare that the morning star of duty as wife and mother, even in their limited conception of its meaning, shines all the brighter in comparison. In their own wide ramified family circles their influence is felt, while their outside interest centers in the church.

The wealthy senora is looked up to by her poorer sisters and in the small towns and haciendas where her numerous family connections are the leading people of the community, she extends a kindly and charitable benevolence to them and to all who serve them in any capacity. When these women come of old Spanish stock they are extremely exclusive and ancient rules of etiquette guide their social relationships. Their daughters go to the convent schools, receive a limited education and return home to continue the same regime as has held sway since the day when their forbears left Spain.

APPEARED AT FUNERAL FEAST

Neighbors Got Something of a Shock When Man Thought to Be Dead Walked In on Them.

It is said that some of the subterranean rivers that gush out of caverns and pour into the River Pinea, in Eastern Russia, flow fifty or sixty miles beneath the accumulated half-decayed leaf mold of a thousand years. At a place called Solta they tell in this relation a strange story.

It appears that a mujik, while cutting timber in the wood, had been swallowed up in the tundra, as the dense mass of vegetation is called. A party was cutting virgin forest, when suddenly this man slipped, cried out, and sank from sight before the eyes of his comrades.

It happened so quickly that there was not time to save him. All gave him up for dead. Prayers for his soul were offered in church. But he was not dead, after all. What was the surprise of the villagers when he turned up at his own funeral feast!

He had fallen through a hole in the bog into the bed of the underground river, and had made his way in the darkness along its course until he had come to an opening and clambered out.

Necessary Secrecy.

"I witnessed a queer episode this afternoon," said the city cousin who was visiting in Wayoverbehind. "As I was strolling past an alley I heard, emanating from the open door of a barn, such peculiar sounds that I was moved to investigate. Peering in, I discovered a portly man standing on a box, sawing the air with elaborate gestures and at the same time shouting defiantly and whispering husily. And the strangest part was that he was not saying an intelligible word, but was uttering meaningless babble, like 'Hobbensy-gobbensy, shing, shang, taidigo pool' and so on."

"Oh, that's Hon. Heck Hooper," replied the village cousin, "and that gibberish is a sort of a cipher. You see, he is running for the legislature and is practicing up a new speech which he expects to be a sockdolager. And he's afraid his opponents will steal his well-chosen words before he gets his oration down pat."—Kansas City Star.

Hint Brought Results.

The sexton of a certain church the other afternoon had conducted a party round the ancient edifice, and, despite dropping more than one "gentle hint," it appeared as if the sexton was to go unrewarded.

In the porch the leader of the party paused a moment.

"I suppose," he said, "you've been here many years?"

"Forty," replied the old man, "and it's a very strange thing as whenever I'm showing a party out of the porch they allus asks me that question or (with emphasis) the other."

"Indeed!" smiled the visitor. "And what may the other be?"

"What I calls question number two," replied the sexton, calmly. "Is just this—'Samwell, is tips allowed?' And Samwell always answers, 'Tips is allowed!'"

The hint was taken, as was the tip.

All the Fun Gone.

Edgar McPherson, J. M. Noblett and W. A. Glass left for a three days' fishing trip on Caney fork, near McMinnville, Tenn. Some of the edge was taken off the trip by a promise meanly and covertly obtained by John G. Ellis. "Do one thing for me," he pleaded. "Certainly," they solemnly agreed, crossing their hearts and bodies, for they felt sorry that the Ol' Man was left behind. "It is this: Tell the truth when you come back about how many fish you caught and how big they were."—Hopkinsville (Ky.) New Era.

"It teaches you to KEEP, NOT to SPEND"

JOIN

The Prosperity Club

A Profit-Sharing Plan of

The First National Bank

Charleroi, Pa.

The Prosperity Club has been formed in our Banking Institution to aid those who desire to accumulate money in an easy and systematic way. Its object is to promote the habit of depositing regularly and the plan is suitable for all ages.

BONUS

As an incentive for you to join our Club we offer a bonus of \$1.25, which is equal to your first weekly deposit. This amount will be credited to your account when you become a member of The Prosperity Club.

INTEREST

In addition to the Bonus which we give you, we will pay you Interest on your deposits.

JOIN AT ONCE

You can join The Prosperity Club at any time, but the earlier you join, the sooner you will receive its benefits.

Rules of

The Prosperity Club

1. Upon your opening an account in our Prosperity Club we will credit you with a Bonus of \$1.25, which is equal to the amount of your first deposit.
2. We will pay you Interest for the entire time, and on the full amount you have deposited at the maturity of The Prosperity Club Period, which is one hundred weeks. Interest will be compounded and added to your deposits.
3. Upon completion of all your deposits in The Prosperity Club we will pay you all the money you have deposited, the bonus credited to you at the time you opened the account and all the Interest earned at the end of the Club period.
4. Deposits may be made on any day of each week, and several advance deposits may be made at one time.
5. Anyone may open as many accounts as they wish in our Prosperity Club department, each account being considered a separate transaction.
6. The terms contained on the signature card, which is signed by the new member, are also a part of the rules of The Prosperity Club.

The

First National Bank

Charleroi, Pa.

Safe Deposit Boxes, \$2 and upwards per annum.
Christmas Savings' Club Now Open.

Personal Accounts

Interest-bearing and subject to check, are solicited, by this Bank. A check-book in your pocket with a balance to your credit, gives you the EXACT CHANGE, A LEGAL RECEIPT, and if lost it is no more than losing so much blank paper.

Bank of Charleroi

Charleroi, Pa.

SURPRISE!

You would be surprised to know the wonderful benefits our advertisers derived from

Christmas Ads

An ad will do the same for you at any time